

Patient and Client Council

Your voice in health and social care

Notes of the Bamford Monitoring Group Meeting Friday 3 February 2017 The Mount, 2 Woodstock Link, Belfast, BT6 8DD



Members at the meeting:

Brian Sinnamon, Carer
May McCann, Carer
Justin Greenwood, Service User
Paul McFall, Service User
Catherine McGroggan, Service User
Ursula Campbell, Service User
Pat McDowell, Carer

Present:

Jackie McNeill, Patient and Client Council
Gerard McWilliams, Patient and Client
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Item	Welcome and Introduction	Action
	<p>In the absence of John, Brian chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone.</p>	
Item	Apologies	Action
<p>apologies</p> 	<p>John McKee, Carer, Briege McAlister, PCC, Iolo Eilian, HSC Board, Jean Hale, Service User and Francis McKenna, Service User.</p> <p>Catherine requested that it is noted that she did not get her apology through for the December meeting.</p>	
Item	Notes of the last meeting	Action
	<p>The notes were approved.</p>	
Item	Matters Arising	Action
	<p>Follow up with Trusts re: suitable provision for mental health patients being discharged from hospital for convalescence into residential/nursing homes – Jackie said that the Trusts who have not responded to date have been contacted again. We are still awaiting responses from the</p>	

	<p>Southern, South Eastern and the Western Trust's. These will be emailed out to all members once received. Jackie shared the responses from the Belfast and Northern Trust's with the group.</p> <p>Paul McFall raised further concerns that there are people in the Belfast Trust area being placed in unsuitable nursing home accommodation.</p> <p>Catherine suggested raising the matter through the recovery colleges in each Trust area. Some people in the recovery colleges volunteer, in Holywell there is a unit for elderly people and volunteers would be advocates. It is about getting local representation. Paul thought this was a good idea. It was agreed to wait until we get all the Trust responses and this issue will be discussed again in more detail.</p> <p>Jackie asked is there an age appropriate environment. May replied that there is CAMHS, Adult and Older people categories and that some Trust's do it differently, some people stay in</p>	
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	<p>mental health as they reach the age of sixty and over, some people just move in to older peoples which is not specific to mental health.</p> <p>May raised an issue about cut off points for young people transitions -should the cut of be at eighteen, or should it go up to twenty five or in fact should it not be there at all and that you deal with people as people as opposed to sort of an age?</p>	
<p>Item</p>	<p>Updates from Commissioning Team/Programme Board</p>	<p>Action</p>
	<p>May and Paul attended the meeting. Paul said that John had shared the findings of the Home Treatment Report and there was a lot of discussion around this.</p> <p>Paul said that we have been raising the fact that we have five Trusts with six different home treatment teams and would like it regulated that the five services would be the same. Pat said that is why we asked what is the criteria for someone who turns up at A&E with an overdose and</p>	

	<p>being assessed by the crisis response team, what is the criteria for someone being discharged or admitted. Jackie said that she thinks it is down to clinical discretion and it was agreed that this would be discussed with Andrew Dawson when he attends the meeting later today.</p> <p>Paul said that with Stormont collapsing the meeting was very focused on funding issues and what projects were going to be put on hold as a result - the Bamford Review was one of them. The Mental Health Capacity legislation will carry on.</p> <p>Catherine asked did the PCC submit a response to the Code of Practice on behalf of BMG. Jackie responded that members were to submit individual comments. Jackie said that Andrew will update on this issue when he attends later today.</p> <p>The Recovery Newsletter was also mentioned at the meeting – Jackie to follow this up with Briege Quinn, PHA.</p>	<p><i>Jackie/ Andrew</i></p> <p><i>Jackie</i></p>
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	<p>Catherine requested a copy of the typed up minutes of this meeting and that they reflect the feelings in the room. Jackie replied that the tape and notes can be shared with Catherine.</p> <p>May informed the meeting that there is a reform of adult social care underway.</p> <p>Jackie said that this is all about care in the community including nursing homes, and that the PCC have done a public call out for representatives to sit on a reference group. If anyone is a member there are details of how to pursue this through our membership Updates newsletter.</p> <p>May said if people want to respond to this you have to express an interest by 25 February.</p> <p>Paul said that the Mental Health Bulletin was also discussed and the Chair has asked for a quarterly report on other services. May is to check at the next meeting if this bulletin can be shared with BMG members.</p>	<p><i>BMG Members</i></p> <p><i>May</i></p>
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Item	Project Updates	Action
	<p style="text-align: center;">2016/2017 Projects</p> <p>Future planning for elderly carers of someone with mental ill health – Jackie updated the meeting on the progress of this since the workshop was held in January 2016. Jackie is meeting with Briege Quinn, PHA in the near future to discuss how do we ensure funding for the future planning training for mental health carers including the information pack and how do we organise this going forward.</p> <p>Jackie informed the meeting that there is a re-run of the future planning training for carers of someone with a learning disability. The HSC Board identified money to run this for a second year. Dates of the training have been promoted through the PCC Facebook. Brian encouraged carers to go along as he found it very useful.</p> <p>Carer’s Assessments Report This report was discussed at the last BMG Meeting. Catherine</p>	

	<p>asked if someone could go through the report with her – Jackie said she would make arrangements.</p> <p>Launch – it was agreed at the last meeting that this would be launched by the Health Minister or the Chair of the Health Committee. With the collapse of the Assembly and the run up to the elections, the PCC cannot be seen to side with any political party; a photo shoot with Chris Matthews from the Department is now arranged on 15 February – this will be used when we are ready to actually launch the report. John McKee and Maeve Hully will also be in the photo.</p> <p>Foreword – it was agreed at the last meeting to include a foreword. Jackie read a draft out to the group and asked for comments.</p> <p>May said that at the PCC Board meeting she asked for the title to be inverted to reflect both learning disability and mental health carers as there was only one mental health carer</p>	<p>Jackie</p>
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	<p>interview.</p> <p>Jackie asked if members were happy with the key messages she read out for the foreword.</p> <p>May highlighted that carers are more concerned about getting resources and services for their loved ones than for themselves and thinks this is a key finding. Jackie agreed to review the foreword accordingly.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2017/18 Projects</p> <p>Mental Health Care pathway – it was agreed to wait until Andrew attends the meeting later today to discuss this with him.</p> <p>HSC Experience for people with a learning disability and a mental illness – Jackie checked that members understood exactly who the target audience was i.e. people who have a learning disability and also have a mental illness and their carers. Jackie asked members for their thoughts on how to carry out this project. An event will be held to bring people together who have a learning disability and a mental</p>	<p><i>Andrew/ Jackie</i></p>
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	<p>illness and capture their experience of health and social care. It was suggested to use the words mental health difficulty or mental health problems instead of the word illness. Jackie proposed having the event in June and the venue will have to be central and accessible.</p> <p>Jackie feels one of the biggest issues is how do we reach these people, how do we promote it, do we include the voluntary and statutory sector? Members would like someone (a professional) who works with people who have both a learning disability and a mental health illness to speak at the event. Jackie to follow this up with Gerard. Brian informed the meeting that he knows there is a unit at Mount Oriel which recently has been established where there are psychologists, etc, which provide assistance to people with learning disabilities, whether that is understanding behavioural or depression. Jackie said that Briege Quinn or Rodney Morton could maybe advise on this also.</p>	<p><i>Jackie</i></p>
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	<p>Jackie asked members for their ideas on a venue for this event. The Spires and Grosvenor house were suggested.</p> <p>Gerard and Catherine left the meeting for a break.</p> <p>The group took a lunch break.</p>	
Item	Update on Mental Capacity Act – Andrew Dawson, Department of Health (Andrew attending at 1pm)	Action
	<p>As Brian had to leave the meeting earlier Catherine took over the role as Chair.</p> <p>Jackie gave an update that unfortunately Andrew cannot make the meeting this afternoon. This will be re-arranged as soon as possible.</p>	
Item	Membership of BMG	
	<p>Jackie said at the last meeting there was discussion that a high percentage of current member's term of office is actually due up this April and that included a year's extension. Jackie spoke with the Senior Management</p>	

	<p>Team on the best way forward. It was proposed that members will stay on a month by month basis. If anyone feels they do not want to remain a member they can speak to Jackie about this.</p> <p>Jackie asked Lorraine Brown for an update on the evaluation. Lorraine replied that the draft evaluation has gone out to other Minister's outside the Health Department for comments and they are still waiting on two to respond and they are unsure about timescales.</p>	<p>BMG Members</p>
Item	Correspondence and Events	Action
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy Forum for NI Keynote Seminar – Improving Mental Health Provision in NI - 17 January 2017 (Belfast) – John and Pat attended. 	
Item	Risk	Action
	<p>May highlighted that before the Assembly collapsed there was a whole review of the health service planned and now we don't know what is happening. Jackie commented it is the fear of the unknown as we don't know</p>	

	<p>what lies ahead.</p> <p>Justin said he attended a meeting with the Citizen's Advice and it was about the new benefits changes coming into place for people including vulnerable adults with vulnerable conditions. He highlighted the impact of these assessments can make client's conditions worse. These medicals are having a very serious impact on people's health and well-being. Justin queried if we could see how this is impacting services regarding people going back into the system. Jackie responded that this is a massive area and the PCC would not have the resources to do this work at present. However, under the mental health care pathway project we have to decide what area we want to look at and this could be kept in mind.</p> <p>May raised the issue that the first letters have gone out about bedroom taxes and under our government we were not supposed to have this.</p>	
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<p>.....</p>	<p>Venue for BMG meetings – At the last meeting Briega was asked to look at Inspire building. It was also suggested to get a cost for the Grosvenor House, Belfast.</p> <p>Ursula suggested The Cottage, Ballymena. Jackie said that traditionally we have to meet in Belfast as people are coming from all over Northern Ireland to attend BMG meetings.</p> <p>Jackie thanked everyone for attending.</p>	<p><i>Briega</i></p>
Item	Next Meeting	
	<p>Friday 3 March 2017 at 11:00am, The Mount, 2 Woodstock Link, Belfast.</p>	

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